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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS THE WINNER IN DALAT

REF: A) SAIGON 6160 B, SAIGON 8113

1. ARVN LT. COL. DINH VAN DE WON DALAT'S SINGLE LOWER HOUSE SEAT, RUNNING IN A FIELD OF 17, DE POLLED 3,914 OF THE 21,238 VOTES CAST. THIS TOTAL IS 50 PERCENT MORE THAN RUNNER-UP LE CANH VE RECEIVED.

2. REF A AND THE BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER GIVE BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON DE, WHO IS A 39 YEAR OLD NOMINAL CAO DAI FROM CHAU DOC. FROM 1954 TO 1963, DE SERVED AS

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CHEF DE CABINET TO THE CHEIF OF STAFF OF ARVN, A POSITION FILLED FOR MOST OF THIS PERIOD BY MARSHAL LE VAN TY. IT WAS IN THIS POSITION THAT DE ESTABLISHED HIS REPUTATION AND CONNECTIONS. DE HAS NOT BEEN PROMOTED SINCE 1957 WHEN HE MADE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, A SIGN THAT HIS RELATIONS WITH THE PRESENT MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT STRAINED. DE IS A COMPETENT MILITARY STAFF OFFICER.

DESPITE CERTAIN SCANDALS THAT OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS MAYOR OF DALAT, DE IS CONSIDERED TO BE QUITE HONEST. DURING HIS TENURE AS PROVINCE CHIEF OF BINH THUAN, DE SHOWED A CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE AND A CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALL GROUPS, INCLUDING THE MILITANT BUDDHISTS.

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